Millions Invested in Nova Scotia

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The province is investing more than $2.6 million dollars in 53 of Nova Scotia's leading cultural organizations. The organizations include theatre companies, arts facilities, service organizations and music festivals.

Premier John Hamm and Tourism, Culture and Heritage Minister Rodney MacDonald made the announcement today, June 1, at Neptune Theatre in Halifax.

"Cultural organizations play a vital role in preserving and promoting the various cultures that help define who we are as a province," said Premier Hamm. "We are committed to investing in Nova Scotia culture, in turn strengthening the social fabric of our communities and enabling our economy to grow."

"All of the organizations receiving funding help to ensure that Nova Scotia's diverse culture scene remains alive and continues to develop," said Mr. MacDonald. "Supporting this sector helps us in our goal to build a more prosperous Nova Scotia, by contributing to our quality of life and well-being."

The funding comes from the department's Anchor Organizations Program, which provides operating funds to organizations, helping them to develop Nova Scotia's cultural community.

Neptune Theatre, a world-class live theatre venue in Halifax, received $255,000.

"Investment by the province helps make so many important things happen at Neptune," said Don Stoddard, vice-president Neptune Theatre. "Our objectives for cultural growth are closely aligned with the province. Support for anchor organizations like Neptune Theatre contributes to initiatives like the development of new works, opportunities for artists and community outreach."

Each successful applicant had to meet specific criteria, including proof of effective operations, the ability to generate their own resources and to offer programs that meet their mandate and the ability to deliver programs and services to the culture sector. With a total investment of $2,602,626 the organizations are expected to generate an estimated $29 million in economic activity during the year.

Organizations across the province are receiving support, with eight in Cape Breton, nine in Halifax region, 11 in southern Nova Scotia, eight in northern Nova Scotia, and 17 that are provincial

in scope.

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Overall, the province is investing more than $5 million in cultural programming. Additional provincial resources support cultural tourism and cultural heritage activities throughout the province.

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NOTE: Following is a list of the organizations and facilities receiving funding in 2004-05 through the Anchor Organizations Programs.

Cape Breton:	
Gaelic College of Celtic Arts and Crafts	$220,000
Conseil des Arts de Cheticamp	$7,828
arts Cape Breton	$9,328
Inverness Arts Council	$10,000
Cape Breton Centre for Craft and Design	$65,000
Celtic Colours International Festival	$125,000
Savoy Theatre	$22,730

Strathspey Place	$10,000
Total	$469,886
Halifax Region:	
Nations In a Circle	$10,000
Nova Scotia Tattoo	$153,300
Jazz East	$11,000
Societe Grou Tyme Acadien	$20,000
Creative Explorations (Buskers)	$15,000
Neptune Theatre	$255,000
Alderney Landing Theatre	$10,000
Dalhousie Arts Centre	$80,000
Scotia Festival - Music Room	$10,000
Total	$564,300
Northern Region:	
Chedabucto Bay Folk Society	$10,000
Anne Murray Centre	$20,000
Guysborough, Pictou and Antigonish Arts Council	$7,828
Northumberland Arts Council	$2,228
Mermaid Theatre of Nova Scotia	$77,000
Playwrights Atlantic Resource Centre	$5,000
Decoste Entertainment Centre	$25,000
Total	$147,056
Provincial:	
Dance Nova Scotia	$61,000
Writers Federation of Nova Scotia	$61,000
Music Industry Association of N.S.	$40,000
African Nova Scotian Music Association	$10,000
Visual Arts Nova Scotia	$61,000
Nova Scotia Choral Federation	$61,000
Theatre Nova Scotia	$61,000
Cultural Federations of Nova Scotia	$142,000
Design in Business N.S.	$25,000
The Antigonish Review	$2,000
Nova Scotia Designer Crafts Council	$61,000
Atlantic Fringe Festival	$5,000
Symphony Nova Scotia	$398,000
Atlantic Publishers Marketing Association	$2,000
Multicultural Association of Nova Scotia	$61,000
Musique Royale	$3,000
Black Cultural Society of Nova Scotia	$227,000
Total	$1,281,000

Southern Region:	
Ross Creek Centre for the Arts	$30,000
Annapolis Regional Arts Council	$10,000
Conseil des Arts de la Baie	$6,828
Alliance of Kings' Artists	$2,428
The Yarmouth Arts Regional Council	$2,428
Societe Musique Saint-Bernard	$2,000
Astor Theatre	$12,000
Chester Theatre Council	$23,200
Kings Theatre	$18,500
Osprey Centre	$10,000
Th'Yarc	$23,000
Total	$140,384

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